





MIAMI-DADE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT

VOLUNTEER WORK DAY CALENDAR
2001-2002 ADOPT-A-NATURAL AREA



Natural Areas... The Way Nature Intended

Natural areas are the hammocks, pinelands, wetlands, mangrove forests, and seashores that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped, protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and a resource to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique natural areas. They crowd out rare native plant species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as storm recovery, and natural fire cycles. The control of non-native plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all natural habitats. The Department's Natural Areas Management (NAM) Program began the overwhelming task of exotic plant control in 1991. NAM's Volunteer Program fosters civic responsibility and knowledge for the common good. As a volunteer or student, you are given the opportunity to assist in the restoration of one of Miami-Dade County's natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings, or picking up trash. Students and volunteers are taught to identify various invading non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of these ecosystems. Students are required to commit to a minimum of 12 hours. Now more than ever, Miami-Dade Parks need the support of the entire community to restore and maintain our natural areas. With your help we can accomplish this important task!

09/04/02	Trinity Pineland	02/08/03	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park 
09/28/02	Rockdale Pineland	02/15/03	Florida City Pineland
10/05/02	Bill Sadowski Park	03/08/03	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park 
10/12/02	Little George Hammock	03/22/03	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park 
11/02/02	Hattie Bauer Hammock (formerly Orchid Jungle)	04/12/03	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park 
12/07/02	Castellow Hammock	04/26/03	Hattie Bauer Hammock (formerly Orchid Jungle)
01/12/03	A D "Doug" Barnes Park	05/03/03	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park 
02/01/03	Kendall Indian Hammocks Park 		

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All scheduled workdays begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12 noon. Come prepared to work outdoors. For your safety, closed toe shoes are required and long pants are strongly recommended. All participants are required to complete a release form prior to participation. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian. Groups should preregister by calling (305)257-0904.

Miami-Dade Parks provide quality and diverse recreational experiences for persons with disabilities. Call (305) 755-7848 (V/TDD) to request materials in accessible format, a sign language interpreter and for information on access for persons with disabilities.

GO SPUDBUSTERS !



Natural Areas Sites

A D "Doug" Barnes Park- 3401 SW 72 Ave.
Bill Sadowski Park- 7555 SW 79 Ave.
Castellow Hammock Park- 22301 SW 162 Ave.
Florida City Pineland- SW 344 St. and SW 185 Ave.
Hattie Bauer Hammock- SW 267 St and SW 157 Ave.
Kendall Indian Hammock- 11345 SW 79 St.
Little George Hammock- Country Walk Dr. at approximately SW 150 Ave.
Rockdale Pineland Preserve- SW 92 Ave. and SW 145 St.
Trinity Pineland- SW 76 St. and SW 73 Ct.

Please call (305) 257-0904 for directions and maps.

Natural Areas Management Volunteer Workday Regulations

Workdays begin at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM. Be prepared to work outside.

Closed-toe shoes are required. A long sleeve shirt and long pants are highly recommended.

Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the workday. Pay attention to instructions.

Use sun block and wear a hat, insect repellent is also recommended.

Drink plenty of fluids during the work period.

Bring sturdy gloves, if possible. If you do not have your own gloves, we will provide them to you.

Do not bring small children or pets along on workdays.

Do not bring machetes, chain saws, line trimmers, or other motorized equipment.

Pay attention to the plants to be avoided (i.e. thorny plants, poison ivy, poison wood).

Only volunteers are allowed in the natural area.

No smoking or littering is permitted.

Do not touch or remove large trash, debris or broken glass, call staff for assistance.

Do not pull vines out of tree limbs. Do not climb trees. Do not feed or harass wildlife.

Stay within your assigned area. Stay out of marked "Caution" or "Exclusion" areas.

Inform supervisor about unusual findings, debris or occurrences.

Remember.....Safety First!